



# Minutes Inclusive Banyule Advisory Committee

26 November 2021

## Meeting details

**Date of meeting** Friday, 26 November 2021

**Time** 1pm – 3pm

**Venue** Online

**Chair/Facilitator** Cr. Elizabeth Nealy

**Minutes** Danielle Clarke

## Acknowledgement of the Traditional Custodians

“Our meeting is being held on the Traditional Land of the Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung people and, on behalf of Banyule City Council, I wish to acknowledge them as the Traditional Custodians. I would also like to pay my respects to the Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung Elders, past, present and emerging, and to acknowledge other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Elders joining us today.”

## Diversity Statement

“Our community is made up of diverse cultures, beliefs, abilities, bodies, sexualities, ages and genders. We are committed to access, equity, participation and rights for everyone: principles which empower, foster harmony and increase the wellbeing of an inclusive community.”

## Attendee

Attendee name	Affiliation/Organisation
Kath Brackett	Banyule City Council
Theonie Tacticos	Banyule City Council
Cheree Hunter	Banyule City Council
Cr. Tom Melican	Banyule City Council
Petra Begnell	Healthy Communities (PCP)
Michael Geary	Banyule Community Health Service
Julie Johnson	Neighbourhood House Network
Glenn Swafford	Age-Friendly Committee
Kerryn Burgoyne	Disability Committee
Tom Conley	Reconciliation Action Plan Advisory Committee
Matthew Bui	Victoria Police
Angela Papoutsoglou	Department of Families, Fairness and Housing
Amanda Watkinson	Department of Justice
Catherine Corbett	Age-Friendly Committee
Helen Riseborough	Women’s Health in the North
Jane Cowell	Yarra Plenty Regional Libraries

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Linda Liwewe	Multicultural Committee
Mandira Panday	Multicultural Committee
Peggy Oberthier	Department of Education and Training
Nicole El-Haggi	LGBTIQ+ Committee

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## Apologies

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<b>Name</b>	<b>Affiliation/Organisation</b>
Brooke Streatfield	Department of Education and Training
Irene Fitzpatrick	Local Employment Taskforce
Sam Cartledge	Disability Committee

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# Items

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## 1. Introduction 1:00 – 1:20

Acknowledgement of traditional custodians  
Diversity Statement

Councillors, committee members and Council officers introduced themselves and their roles

Meeting purpose and outcomes were summarised. Mapping activity and guest speakers were introduced to the committee.

## 2. Inclusive Banyule – Twelve-month focus 1:25 –2:05

Findings from the previous Inclusive Banyule Advisory Committee meeting were introduced and identified priority areas were highlighted. Inclusive Banyule Advisory Committee focus areas for the first twelve-months of implementation were discussed. The committee participated in further mapping on social connection and mental wellbeing in the initial stages of social recovery from impacts of the pandemic.

### Summary of previous meeting mapping exercise

Four shared priority areas identified for opportunities in collective advocacy and impact: mental wellbeing and social connection, family violence, social housing, and employment.

Action focus for the next twelve-months will specifically look at mental wellbeing and social connection. Further mapping in this meeting will identify how the committee can facilitate greater social connection and promote mental wellbeing in the initial stages of social recovery from impacts of the pandemic.

Future Inclusive Banyule Advisory Committee meetings will include updates on opportunities and challenges across the four identified priority areas, this will support discussions on collective advocacy opportunities with particular focus on family violence, social housing and employment.

### Mapping Exercise – Social Connection and Mental Wellbeing

Committee members were sent to three breakout rooms. Each breakout room focused on a key theme: social connection and mental wellbeing activities, at-risk population groups from disengaging, and local level messaging.

Council officers will collate discussions in breakout rooms and identify key themes to support one-two actions for the Inclusive Banyule Advisory Committee to support.

**Action: Summary of breakout room discussions to be provided to the committee**

## 3. Other Business 2:05-3:00

Housing Victoria and Women's Health in the North presented to the committee on social housing and family violence respectively. Presentations detailed the current status and challenges impacting Banyule, and areas the Committee can support existing and upcoming work. An overview of the next steps between now and the next meeting was detailed to the committee.

### Housing Victoria Presentation

Hannah Duncan-Jones from Housing Victoria provided a detailed presentation on current statistics and projects to address social housing in Banyule and surrounding areas. At the completion of the presentation committee members were invited to ask questions and discuss the presentation.

**Action: Powerpoint presentation to be shared with Committee**

## Women's Health in the North Presentation

Helen Riseborough presented the strategic direction of Women's Health in the North, key drivers and actions in the prevention of violence against women and family violence, and synergies with the Inclusive Banyule Advisory Committee.

**Action: Powerpoint presentation to be shared with Committee**

### Next Steps

Mapping from today's meeting will identify 1-2 key actions for implementation addressing social connection and mental wellbeing focusing on the impacts of the pandemic on social isolation. Internal mapping and conversations to prepare for advocacy discussions in the lead up to federal and state budgets and elections.

**4. Meeting closed 3:00pm. Next Meeting Friday February 11 2022 1:00-3:00pm**